

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln No.: 10/074,607  
Filed: February 14, 2002  
Applicant(s): Brian Janowski et al.  
Title: External Fixation Apparatus and Method  
Art Unit: 3732  
Examiner: David A. Bonderer

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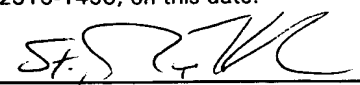
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- ☐ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.
- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for reply within the second month is attached.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

**Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended**

|                                   | As Amended |   | Previously Paid For |      | Present Extra | Rate                 | Additional Fee |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---|---------------------|------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Independent Claims                | 6          | - | 5                   | ** = | 1             | x \$ 86.00           | = \$ 86.00     |
| Total Claims                      | 23         | - | 37                  | * =  | 0             | x \$ 18.00           | = \$ 0.00      |
| Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims |            |   |                     |      |               | \$ 290.00            |                |
| ** At least 3                     |            |   |                     |      |               | Total Additional Fee | \$ 86.00       |
| * At least 20                     |            |   |                     |      |               |                      |                |

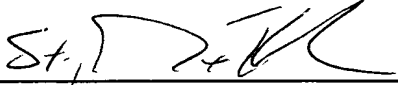
- ☒ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status, thus reducing the fee by half to:

\$ 43.00

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Amendment dated June 23, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of January 23, 2004

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge \$43.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Director is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

June 23, 2004  
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